



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, October 11, 2009

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 3.0

Soil moisture supplies: 1% short, 43% adequate and 56% surplus

Field Crops Report

Rain delayed most agriculture activities across the state. Rice harvest neared completion. The ratoon crop continued to grow. Rainfall has continued to hamper the soybean harvest with only 63 percent complete compared to the 5 year average of 81 percent. Sugarcane harvest continued but was hampered by muddy fields. Sugarcane mills have started grinding.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers harvested greenhouse tomatoes, bell peppers, and eggplant. Strawberry producers continued to plant. Citrus producers continued to harvest satsumas. Scab disease was reported in the pecan crop. There were reports of flooded crawfish ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

The wet weather delayed planting of winter forages and harvest of hay. Cattlemen continued to market calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2008	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Bolls Opening	100	92	100	99
	Harvested	23	17	66	66
Hay	Second Cutting	97	97	98	99
Pecans	Harvested	10	3	5	9
Rice	Harvested	96	94	98	99
Sorghum	Harvested	98	98	100	100
Soybeans	Turning Color	99	97	99	99
	Dropping Leaves	92	86	95	95
	Harvested	63	57	79	81
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	24	22	37	49
Sugarcane	Planted	97	95	87	96
	Harvested	4	1	4	7
CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	4	19	42	34	1
Sugarcane	3	11	36	36	14
Livestock	1	5	44	45	5
Vegetables	2	25	45	27	1
Pasture	1	9	46	38	6

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/05/09 TO 10/11/09

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	92	52	68	68	2.19	5.28	43.10	39.19
Minden	91	51	67	68	3.88	11.80	49.90	42.20
Mooringsport	91	51	66	MM	3.09	8.61	50.07	35.62
Extreme/Average	92	51	67	68	3.05	8.56	47.69	40.21
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	91	53	67	68	4.45	12.87	44.19	42.63
Homer/Hill Farm	90	51	65	67	2.63	15.62	50.71	42.66
ULM-Monroe	91	54	67	68	6.43	16.14	47.00	44.18
Columbia Lock	91	54	67	MM	4.29	7.01	42.09	45.64
Extreme/Average	91	51	66	68	4.45	11.32	46.40	43.57
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	90	55	67	68	2.90	7.64	44.42	44.92
LSU-St Joseph	90	57	71	69	1.34	6.33	39.15	43.42
LSU-Winnssboro	91	57	71	68	2.08	9.57	44.57	42.89
Tallulah	90	56	70	68	2.10	7.80	48.70	44.81
Extreme/Average	91	55	70	69	2.11	7.72	46.56	43.97
4. West-Central								
Leesville	92	56	73	69	1.71	5.23	36.20	43.94
LSU-Rosepine	90	57	73	70	1.98	5.27	35.82	45.13
Natchitoches	94	59	74	69	2.49	6.67	40.85	41.62
Extreme/Average	94	56	73	68	2.06	5.25	36.01	42.85
5. Central								
Alexandria	92	56	73	71	1.61	3.51	36.71	46.06
Brusly	92	62	78	70	3.44	7.73	38.99	50.34
Bunkie	92	58	75	70	3.98	8.06	43.37	47.21
LSU-Alexandria	93	57	74	69	1.99	4.35	39.10	44.78
Extreme/Average	93	56	75	70	2.76	5.91	40.49	46.65
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	MM	MM	MM	MM	M.MM	M.MM	36.04	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	91	63	79	70	2.70	5.12	37.42	49.14
Amite	92	64	78	70	1.66	6.69	39.84	53.01
LSU-Hammond	93	64	79	70	1.96	6.32	34.06	51.54
Slidell	90	66	79	71	3.36	6.57	43.08	50.86
Extreme/Average	93	63	79	70	2.42	6.18	38.60	51.50
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	92	(40)	73	70	1.50	4.57	41.12	46.77
Jennings	91	60	78	71	3.25	7.11	42.11	47.49
LSU-Crowley	91	60	78	72	3.51	6.73	45.56	47.42
Extreme/Average	92	40	76	71	2.75	6.14	42.93	48.26
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	91	64	78	71	4.87	8.60	49.16	49.92
LSU-Jeanerette	91	64	79	71	4.37	13.35	57.75	50.59
Morgan City	90	68	78	72	3.10	8.35	40.25	53.25
Extreme/Average	91	64	79	72	4.11	10.10	49.05	51.02
9. Southeast								
Galliano	90	69	81	72	3.39	6.59	47.20	54.57
Houma	91	68	79	72	1.09	5.06	34.11	52.92
Terrytown 3S	(97)	69	82	MM	1.25	4.42	50.55	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	71	M.MM	M.MM	10.08	53.25
Extreme/Average	97	68	81	73	1.91	5.51	48.88	52.69
State								
State Averages	97	40	74	70	2.83	7.23	43.85	47.02

M = Missing() = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 11, 2009

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